

noticed, according to the Seventeenth Act of the General Assembly One thousand seven hundred and six. And, for the better securing of a Quorum, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, and other Presbyteries within Twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commission: And such of the Members of these Presbyteries as are on the Commission, are required all of them to give punctual Attendance on the Diets thereof; and Presbyteries at a greater Distance, who have Four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care that at least Two of them attend each Diet of the same.

IX.

ACT against Profaneness, and concerning the Duty of Elders and Deacons.

At *Edinburgh*, 22 May, 1722. Sess. 11.

THE General Assembly being deeply affected with the great Decay of Christian Piety amongst all Ranks, and the Abounding of Vice and Immorality, the Neglect of publick Ordinances, and Profanation of the Lord's Day; and considering, that Slackness and Partiality in the Exercise of Discipline, and Untenderness in the Walk and Conversation of the Office-bearers of this Church, cannot but greatly contribute to the Increase of these Evils; Therefore the General Assembly do earnestly beseech, exhort and require all Ministers to take heed to themselves, and to their Doctrine, and to be exemplary to their People in Sobriety, Righteousness and Holiness, abstaining from all Appearance of Evil: And, in like manner, the General Assembly do earnestly beseech, exhort and require Elders and Deacons to be faithful in the Discharge of their respective Offices, tender and circumspect in their Walk, and punctual in their attending upon Ordinances, and strict in their Observation of the Lord's Day, and in regularly keeping up the Worship of God in their Families: And the General Assembly appoints the Judicatures of the Church to take good heed, that none be admitted to, or continued in these Offices, but such as are found qualified, and do behave themselves as above required; And appoints Kirk-sessions, Presbyteries and Synods, strictly and impartially, without respect of Persons, to

to observe this and former Acts of Assembly, relative to Office-bearers in this Church; And appoints Presbyteries, at their Privy Censures, to enquire into the Behaviour of their Members, and of all the Elders and Deacons in their Bounds, with respect to the Premises; And appoints Synods to enquire into the Conduct of Presbyteries; and both Synods and Presbyteries to record their Diligence herein, that the same may be reported to General Assemblies by the Visitors of Synod-books. And *Lastly*, The General Assembly appoints this Act to be read in all Parish-churches, on or before the first Sabbath of *August* next; and for that End, ordains Copies thereof to be printed, and timely transmitted.

X.

ACT concerning Commissioners from Universities to the General Assembly.

Edinburgh, 22d of May, 1722. Sess. Ult.

THE General Assembly appoints and ordains, That in all Time coming, the Commissions given by Universities to their Representatives in the Assemblies of this Church, as well as these given by Presbyteries to theirs, shall expressly bear, That the Commissioners therein named have signed the *Confession of Faith*, with the *Formula*, according to the 11th Act of the General Assembly held in the Year 1720, and Acts therein mentioned, under the Certification therein specified.

XI.

ACT appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

At Edinburgh, the 22d of May, 1722. Sess. Ult.

THE next General Assembly of this National Church, is appointed to be held at *Edinburgh*, upon the second *Thursday* of *May* next to come, One thousand seven hundred and twenty three Years:

This General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, singing the 133 Psalm throughout, and pronouncing of the Blessing.

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